



Testimony of Goodwin College in Support of S.B. 968 – AA Establishing a Military to Machinists Job Training Program for Veterans provided the Bill includes Private Connecticut Institutions of Higher Education that Offer Advanced Manufacturing Education and Training.

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Goodwin College, a private non-profit institution of higher education located in East Hartford supports the spirit and intentions of S.B. 968 provided the bill be amended to include private institutions of higher education, like Goodwin, in the state that offers advanced manufacturing education and training.

The current wording of the bill appears to restrict education partners involved to public institutions of higher education only.

As a matter of record, Goodwin College and other private advanced manufacturing institutions have been included as partners in the recently released Connecticut State College & University (CSCU) Advanced Manufacturing Strategic Plan as logical solutions to expected capacity limitations of the CSCU System.



Goodwin College began offering advanced manufacturing education over four years ago. It currently has advanced manufacturing technology education offerings in the disciplines of, among others, Computer Numeric Control (CNC) Machining, Metrology, Quality Inspection and Welding at various certificate, associates and bachelor's degree level.

In conclusion, Goodwin College supports SB 968 provided is amended to include private institutions of higher education that can help Connecticut in addressing the daunting task of filling the state's current and future manufacturing workforce needs.

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